

CANDIDATES

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FREE!

We have made arrangements with the publishers of Health and Home, a large, family paper, published in Port Chester, N. Y., whereby we are enabled to furnish it to our subscribers free of cost!

To all of our subscribers who pay one year in advance for the Courier (delinquent first settling all arrears) we will send the Health and Home for one year, free of any additional expense.

See prospectus of Health and Home on fourth page of this paper.

Visit our cards at this office.

Buy your Christmas cigars of Butler.

Go see the grand, elegant show Friday evening.

Farmers, by the can or dish at Chas. Schell's.

The Keytesville Comedy Company Friday evening.

Cheapest dolls in town at Wilson's Furniture Store.

The Lord's Prayer, for crazy quills at this office.

Christmas toys for the little ones at Butler's.

The Missouri legislature convenes Wednesday, January 7.

EVERYBODY should go see the boys "act up" Friday evening.

We wish you all a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

RAISINS are plentiful in town, and all they cost you is one dime.

SEVERAL communications are unavoidably crowded out this week.

Go to R. M. Scott for cheap groceries, Bacon, Pork, Lard etc.

A HEALTHY 18-months-old child in Bulls county has three distinct heads.

WM. SMITH has sold the Grand Central Hotel at Moberly for \$33,000.

THE Northwest Missouri Poultry show will be held at Trenton soon.

The first billiard table ever set up in Carter county was taken last week.

NAVY BEANS, Sugar, Raisins, Molasses and Sorghum at R. M. Scott's.

The genial Sam Major, of Fayette, was in town on legal business Tuesday.

Mrs. B. Brooks has been visiting friends and relatives in Fayette the past week.

SAM'L LOWE, late of Atchison county, will shortly start a newspaper at Rathrop.

The product of the Linu county creamery is now 6,000 pounds of butter per month.

JAS. McCORD, of Moberly, has been turned out of church for selling cigars on Sunday.

J. G. Potts, of Boone county, recently sold forty choice mules at \$132.50 per head.

The Hopkins creamery has been temporarily closed on account of the slow butter market.

We have several announcements for township offices this week. Read them and pick your men.

ALL in need of first-class dentistry should call on Dr. L. P. Burrus, resident dentist, at once.

ALL kinds of country produce taken in exchange for goods at Dick Grinstead's grocery store.

A FINE line of visiting cards, just received at this office, which will be printed very cheap for cash.

TURKEYS, ducks, chickens, hides and furs wanted in exchange for groceries at Dick Grinstead's.

DR. BURRUS guarantees you a satisfactory job on any dentistry done by him. Office over postoffice.

The Marshall Democrat announces itself in favor of submitting a prohibition amendment to the people.

When are you going to pay your subscription? If we ever needed money, it is just about this time.

DIED.—On December 12, 1884, Gertrude, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Long, aged 17 months.

HOUSE THIEVES have been doing a thriving business in the northwest part of the state the past two weeks.

The choicest and largest line of holiday nuts and candies in town will be found at Butler's popular grocery store.

DICK GRINSTEAD has just received a nice line of fresh groceries, which he is selling at rock-bottom prices for spot cash.

We will only print a half-price notice. Printers like a half-price notice.

We have received the school report from Swains school house, which is unavoidably crowded out this week.

Be sure and encourage the boys Friday evening by attending the performance of the Keytesville Comedy Company.

LETTER heads, note heads, cards, envelopes and all kinds of job work executed neat and cheap, and on the shortest notice, at this office.

A CHOICE supply of candles recently received at Dick Grinstead's. Extra inducements will be given to purchasers of large quantities.

Parties purchasing goods to the amount of \$20 from us will pay the railroad and hack fare both ways.

MYER & BRO.  
Salisbury, Mo.

Go to Butler for your holiday nuts and candies.

When you want cakes, candies, nuts, oysters, etc., cheap for cash, call on Chas. Schell and he will satisfy you, both as to quality and price.

LADIES.—We have the Lord's Prayer printed on silk and satin, in a variety of colors, just the thing for a crazy quilt, which we are selling very cheap.

BUTLER will be headquarters for latest designs in queensware and glassware, and you can select from his stock both a handsome and useful holiday present.

CHAS. SCHELL has just received a large supply of Christmas candies, nuts, cakes, etc., and will sell them for the lowest possible prices for cash.—No credit.

PROFESSOR BLANTON and wife—Miss Anna Miller, and Master Blair Miller are spending their vacation from the Ashland Academy with relatives in Keytesville.

WHAT is the use of worrying about baking cakes for Christmas, when you can go to Chas. Schell and get better ones than you can bake for less money—for cash.

EVERYONE has a will and mind to think for himself, yet many will go about backing and coughing until a friend recommends Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup for that cough.

Who is going to keep open house on New Year's day? We will send a representative around next week and publish a list of all who are going to entertain that day.

"WHERE, oh! where are the Hebrew children?" Gone to Charlie Schell's to lay in a Christmas supply of candies, nuts, cakes, etc., which he is selling so cheap for cash.

A FULL line of fall and winter boots, rubber goods, &c., just opened at Stephenson & Bro.'s, Westville, Mo. They keep the best and sell at lowest living prices.

ALL persons indebted to the undersigned must settle their accounts by January 1st. I cannot give my debtors further indulgence.

S. P. EWING.

STEPHENSON & BRO., Westville, Mo., have received their fall stock of clothing. It is immense, well selected, and you can not fail to be suited in quantity, quality and price.

Persons knowing themselves indebted to the firm of Elliott & Collins will find it to their interest to call and settle without delay. I must have money. E. B. ELLIOTT.

CAPT. E. M. VEAUGH started for Kingman, Kansas, Monday afternoon to spend Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. J. P. Jones, and other relatives there. He will remain about a week.

The ice harvesters are taking advantage of the favorable "spell" this week to fill their ice houses, so that they will have an opportunity of enjoying many cooling draughts next summer.

YOUNG lady! If your fellow sports a mustache make him glad by letting him know that you have noticed the ornament upon his upper lip, and give him one of those elegant mustache cups at Butler's.

Nemo fiddled while Rome burned, and while this is admitted to be a fact, it is equally true that Stephenson & Bro., of Westville, will sell you more goods for less money than any house in the county.

Remember that for every dollar in cash spent with us you get a chance, or ticket, to draw the magnificent \$15,000 now on exhibition at our store.

W. C. GASTON & CO.

STRAYED.—A light red steer calf, unmarked. Anyone furnishing information that will lead to the recovery of said calf will be liberally rewarded.

N. B. PARKS,  
Keytesville, Mo.

Just received by John Chivers & Co., one car load of the well known Harrison Wagons, and we want to sell you one if you have a gentle, safe team, if not we do not, as they run so light they are dangerous for a wild team of horses. Apply to John Chivers & Co., or Mr. W. A. Anderson.

I WANT all the Hides, Sheep Pelts, Tallow, etc. I can get and will pay the highest market price in cash for the same. I will also pay the highest cash price for all the live Turkeys, Geese and Ducks I can get.

L. H. HARRIS, JR.

STEPHENSON & BRO., Westville, Mo., have just received the largest and best assortment of dry goods, notions, &c., ever brought to Westville, and are selling them "dirt cheap." Give the boys a call, and they will treat you white.

THANKING our customers for the patronage bestowed upon the old firm of Elliott & Collins, the successor, E. B. Elliott, respectfully solicits a continuance of the same, thereby guaranteeing good work and prices to suit the times.

BUTCHER.—Your lambs are the finest I have seen this spring. Farmer—Well, they ought to be fine. I give them as much as they want to eat and keep them in good condition by an occasional dose of Day's Horse and Cattle Powder.

STRAYED.—Red heifer, 3-year-old, in good condition, speckled face, white strip across shoulders, crop off of right and overslope in left ear. Anyone informing me where same can be found will be suitably rewarded.

L. H. HARRIS, JR.

The preliminary examination of Calhoun Head, of Randolph county, who voluntarily surrendered himself to the authorities after the killing of the colored man, Yancey, last week, has not yet been held. It is thought to have been justifiable homicide.

The following Keytesville teachers are at home on a holiday furlough: Miss Fannie and Mamie Hancock, and their brother E. G. Hancock, R. H. Tidale Miss Winnie Moore, and James Rucker. Miss Bessie Smith continued her school till Christmas eve.

BOOK HERE.—I must have my books balanced by the first of January. All persons indebted to me are urged to settle such accounts at once. Accounts not settled by January 1st, 1884, will be placed in the hands of an officer for collection.

Respectfully,  
JOHN D. BUTLER.

J. E. Zilhart will sell his

Entire Stock of Jewelry,

Silverware and Clocks at

Cost. 36-hour Clock at \$3;

3-oz. Coin-Silver Watches

at \$9; 5-dwp Solid Gold

Rings \$4; 4-dwp. at \$3.25;

3-dwp. \$2.50; Ladies Breast

Pins at Remarkably Low

Prices. Gents' Watch

Chains, Rolled Plate, for

\$2.50, \$3.50 and \$4. Brace-

lets almost Given Away;

Best Rolled Plate Brace-

lets for \$3.50 and \$4.50.

FAIR WARNING.—Having had one

three-year-old steer shot by un-

authorized persons hunting on our

enclosed lands, we hereby give notice

that any person thus found tres-

passing will be prosecuted to the ex-

tent of the law.

Nov. 6, 1884. WHEELER BROS.

STRAYED.—Red speckled yearling

steer, with head from ears forward,

white stripe down back, large red

spot on each side of neck, left hind

leg white from knee down, red ears.

Marked with overbit in each ear.

Anyone furnishing information lead-

ing to his whereabouts will be libe-

rally rewarded.

COCHRAN.

UNCLE HACK HAWKINS says he would like to have his golden wedding occur next year and have the ceremony repeated, as he and his good dame will then have lived together 50 years. But sister Hawkins objects, says, "Once is enough." Uncle Hack don't know yet how it will be.

JAMES STEVENS, of Muscle Fork township, dropped in to see us last Monday and settled up the old scores for the Courier and ordered its continuance for another year. Likewise James Pope, of Clark township, who wants the Courier indefinitely. Ditto Dred Finnell, of Bowling Green and W. R. Brooks, and J. J. Page of Keytesville townships.

HORACE GREELEY, the greatest newspaper man of his age, is credited with saying "whatever is of interest to a dozen readers is worth publishing." Many of our pedagogues, in withholding reports of their schools from publication, are not carrying out this idea. Such reports are of interest to parents and children, and we believe all the newspapers are willing to publish them in a condensed form.

The Northwest Missouri Editorial Association, at a recent session, unanimously passed the following resolution: "That the newspapers of this association will in the future refuse to support any candidate for office who will not pledge himself to support home printing offices in all cases, where rates are as favorable, all things considered, as rates of offices outside of the county." The association condemns the practice of

For the purpose of proving to our farmers the advantage of handling the better grades of cattle, Mr. W. H. Glascock, living three miles north of Brunswick, gave us the amount he had realized from the milk, butter and cream of three cows, one a thoroughbred Jersey and the other two good stock. Two of the cows came in in January and the other in the early part of March. Up to the 20th of June there had been sold \$29.35 worth of butter, and then the cream, up to December 1st, was sold to the Chariton creamery, amounting to \$35.30, beside the butter used for the family. The milk was fed to the hogs, which cannot well be estimated. Two of the calves were sold for \$13 and one fine calf was kept that is well worth \$15. The total, beside the milk and butter used in the family, amounts to \$90.75, being a little more than \$30 made from each cow.—Brunswick.

We have the exclusivesale

of Selz's Boots and Shoes

for this town. They are too

well known to need any talk-

ing up. Every pair warrant-

ed. Applegate & Martin.

The following letter was received

last week by Giles Rice Sr., from

Mrs. Putnam, of Appanoose county

Iowa, the grandmother of Giles Rice

Jr., who was charged with shooting

his step mother and two half sisters

a few weeks since, and who up to

the present so far as we are informed

has evaded the clutches of the law.

One of the children died over two

weeks since, while the mother still

holds to the little thread of life, with

the chances against her recovery:

CINCINNATI IOWA, Dec. 10, 1884

MR. GILES C. RICE—DEAR SIR:

The news came here last evening

that young Giles Rice committed an

awful murder at George's, his father's.

I want you to tell me the particu-

lars about it if you know them, and

I suppose you do. There were men

guarding the house here last night

the house of his Uncle Jim Putnam

where I am visiting at this time.

There is no language that can

express my feelings. He has not

been here, nor do I want him to come.

It seems it would take my life to see

him. Oh! how sorry I feel for all the

parties concerned. Now Mr. Rice

do tell me all about it, and tell me

if you know what provoked him to

do such a deed. I am the nearest

relative he has living except his father.

I am his grandmother.

MILVINA PUTNAM.

The most pleasant event of the

season so far as we have knowledge

was the dining given on the 20th

inst. at the hospitable mansion of

Capt. R. M. Scott in honor of the

Captain's birthday, to which a few

neighbors and friends were invited,

ye editor and wife among them. Of

course we went, it would have been

entirely out of the natural order to

have done otherwise. Mine host and

hostess were all smiles, the very em-

bodiment of good humor. All the

ladies vied with each other in furish-

ing wit and merriment for the occa-

sion. Uncle Hack Hawkins, Judge

Minter, Dr. Egan, H. C. Hyde and

Wm. E. Hill, and "we" did a splen-

did dinner, consisting of all the sub-

stantials and dainties the country

affords, ample justice. On this oc-

casion was proven the fact that our

capacity for enjoying a free dinner as

well as Dr. Egan. Perhaps there are

some persons who are a little curi-

ous to know how many years the

Captain has seen "roll their ample

time round," this is rather a delicate

matter with some people, but Cap-

tain Scott says it makes no difference

with him as he is satisfied Mrs. Scott

intends staying with him till he will

be too old to ever think of marrying

again,—hence is not backward in

telling that he was 58 years of age on

the day alluded to. One other item

in reference to the dinner, which was

creditable in quantity, quality and

manner of getting up to all concerned

we cannot forbear mentioning, that

is, Mrs. Scott was assisted chiefly in

its preparation by her accomplished

niece, Miss Mary McVeigh of Salis-

bury. We throw this out as a gentle

hint to deserving young men who in

selecting partners of their joys will

consider the weightier matters of the

Green. So far as we have been able to learn all the factories in the county will be used, but buyers who are expecting to make large purchases are somewhat unsettled as to prices they expect to pay. They do not wish the price to rule so low that farmers will become so much discouraged as to quit raising tobacco, yet they are not sanguine as to the favorable outlook ahead.

Prather School Report.

For the month beginning Nov. 4th

and ending Dec. 2nd 1884. Num-

ber of days taught twenty; number

of male pupils enrolled 25; number

of female pupils enrolled 26; total

51. Average attendance each day

45 9:10; number days attendance of

all pupils 918. The following is a

list of the pupils:

Clarkson Helen, Clarkson May,